



# THE **ELK GROVE VILLAGE** **GUIDE TO RECYCLING!**

## **RECYCLING SAVES YOU MONEY!**

Recycling benefits Elk Grove residents directly in several important ways. By recycling, you help to:

- Improve our environment;
- Preserve natural resources;
- Conserve precious landfill capacity; and,
- Avoid expensive landfill disposal charges.

Each ton of refuse that is landfilled costs residents approximately \$20.00 on your refuse bill in disposal fees alone. Since there is no disposal fee on recyclables, your recycling efforts will hold down the cost of future refuse bills.

**To save money, we must all recycle as many items as possible! Let's work together to make a difference.**



## **ELK GROVE VILLAGE ON THE CUTTING EDGE**

Elk Grove Village was one of the first municipalities in the State of Illinois to offer a curbside recycling program to its residents. Nearly 10 years later, Village residents divert over 40% of all solid waste from local landfills.

## **RESIDENTS BENEFIT FROM AN EXTENSIVE RECYCLING PROGRAM**

The Village of Elk Grove provides an extensive recycling program to all Village residents. Recyclable materials are collected on the same day as your refuse. Simply place the recycling bin at the curb alongside your other refuse containers. Residents of apartment complexes need to follow the rules established by your landlord for recycling.

## **NEED A RECYCLING BIN?**

The Village has provided 2 recycling bins to each single-family household — a 14 gallon and an 18 gallon recycling bin. New residents may obtain new bins at no cost at the Health Department, 901 Wellington Avenue, by showing proof of new residency such as a water or other utility bill.

If your recycling bin has become unusable, please bring it to the



Health Department where it will be replaced at no cost.

If you would like to purchase additional recycling bins, they are available for sale for \$5.00 each at the Health Department office.

If you have any questions about recycling, please contact the Elk Grove Village Health Department at 357-4240.



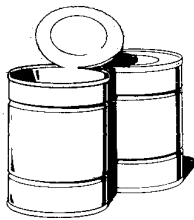
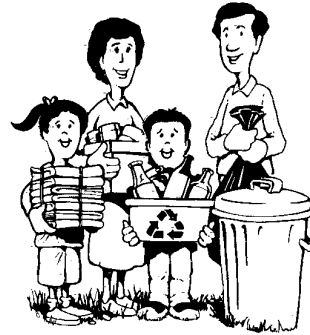
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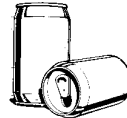
## PAPER ITEMS

Newspaper  
Phone books  
Mixed Paper  
Chipboard (cereal boxes, shoe boxes, etc.)  
Cardboard  
Magazines/Catalogs  
Junk Mail  
Flyers  
Copy Paper  
Paper Bags  
Paper Egg Cartons



## OTHER ITEMS

Glass Jars & Bottles  
Aluminum Cans,  
foil & pie pans, etc.  
Steel (Tin) Cans  
Aerosol Cans  
Plastics     
6-pack rings & 12-pack bands  
Juice Boxes & "Gable Topped" Cartons  
Styrofoam Egg Cartons



## GENERAL GUIDELINES

Please separate paper items from other items  
Please do **NOT** use plastic bags  
Please **FLATTEN** plastic bottles  
Discard plastic caps in your regular garbage  
Food containers should be washed clean  
Corrugated cardboard must be flattened  
Please **NO** empty motor oil containers  
Please **DO NOT** place newspaper out loose,  
bundle or place in paper bag



**step on it**



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call the village at 357-4240.



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# RECYCLING PROCEDURES FOR ALL ITEMS

## Recycling Bin Items

**Paper:** Newspaper, phone books, chipboard (cereal boxes, shoe boxes, and the like), magazines, cardboard (flattened), catalogs, computer paper, junk mail, envelopes, egg cartons, flyers, paper bags, and juice boxes.

**Please keep paper items separate from the mixed items below. Please secure paper items to prevent them from creating a litter problem.**

**Plastic:** PET ♻️ such as pop bottles; HDPE ♻️ such as milk jugs and laundry detergent bottles; PS ♻️ such as styrofoam packing, styrofoam meat trays, and styrofoam egg cartons; and 6-pack and 12-pack rings. When possible, please remove caps and tops from plastic jugs before recycling.

**Glass:** All glass bottles and jars. Labels may remain on the bottle. When possible, please rinse glass jars. Please **DO NOT** recycle window glass or pyrex.

**Metal:** Aerosol cans; all other steel and aluminum cans; clean aluminum foil; Clean pie/cooking tins.

## Yard Waste Recycling

Yardwaste is collected each year between April 1 and November 30 by Waste Management at the curbside. The following rules pertain to yardwaste collection:

**Brush:** Brush and tree trimmings are collected free of charge. Brush must be shorter than 4 feet in length, bundled, and weigh no more than 50 pounds. Please use biodegradable twine or string to bind bundles. Brush bundles are collected on the same day as regular refuse.

**Grass:** General yardwaste requires a sticker for collection. One sticker is required for each 30-gallon yard waste container (Kraft-type bags, or metal/plastic cans). No plastic bags please. Stickers are available for sale at all major commercial retailers in the Village and at the Village Hall. For a list of retailers, please contact the Health Department at 357-4240. Yardwaste stickers currently cost \$1.00 each.

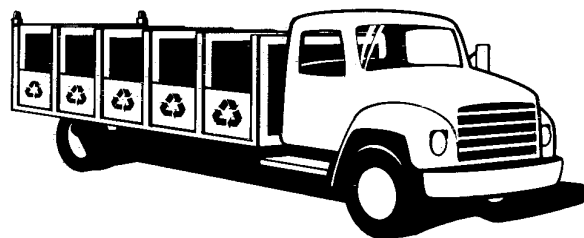
**Fall Leaf Collection:** On specified days during the Fall season, home-owners can rake their leaves into the street, two feet away from the curb, for collection by the Village. Information on this program is included in fall editions of the Elk Grove Villager newsletter.

**Composting:** The Village of Elk Grove encourages mulching and composting as long as it is done properly, in compliance with local ordinances. Please visit or contact the Health Department at 357-4240 for an informative brochure on this topic.

**Christmas Trees:** Christmas Trees are collected at the curb by Waste Management. Trees are collected from January 2 to January 15 for recycling. No plastic bags please.

## Recycling Reusable Household Goods (Charitable Goods)

Residents desiring to donate used household goods (clothes, furniture, toys, small appliances, etc) may do so through a number of organizations. For a list of organizations that collect these items, please contact the Health Department at 357-4240.



## Recycling Hazardous Household & Automotive Waste

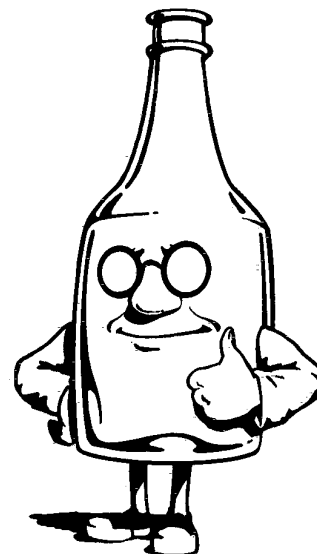
**Household:** Unwanted household chemicals such as paint, paint thinners, or pesticides can only be disposed of at an authorized IEPA collection site. The IEPA operates these sites at various times and locations in the suburban area during the Spring and Fall. Please contact the Health Department at 357-4240 for a list of upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Collection sites.

**Automotive:** Items such as antifreeze, motor oil, tires, and batteries must be disposed of at special locations. Please contact the Health Department at 357-4240 for a list of locations where these items may be recycled or disposed of lawfully.

## Appliance (White Goods) Recycling

White Goods such as refrigerators, washers, dryers, water heaters, and stoves must be recycled by law. They contain chemicals sealed in the unit such as mercury in switches, and CFC's. These chemicals must be removed and disposed of by properly trained technicians.

If you purchase a new appliance, the store where you made the purchase will generally provide a pick-up collection of your old appliance. However, if you require an appliance to



be collected for recycling, there are a number of firms that will do so for a fee.

Please contact the Health Department at 357-4240 for a list of companies willing to collect White Goods. Waste Management will collect them on Thursdays for a fee of \$30.00. However, you must contact Waste Management to arrange for the collection at 1-800-964-8988.

## QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about recycling, please contact the Health Department at 357-4240. If you have any questions concerning refuse collection, please contact Waste Management Northwest at 1-800-964-8988.



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Village Board meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 8:00 p.m. The floor is opened to the public at 9:00 p.m. for comments and questions.

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